

**Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 3677**

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hiroshi Sato) Confirmation No.: 2394
Application No. 10/571,070) Group Art Unit: 3677
Filed: March 8, 2006) Examiner: G. W. Estremsky
For: CONNECTED STAPLE) Mail Stop AF
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Final Office Action dated October 6, 2009, the period for response to

which extends though January 6, 2010, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.